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Office Action Summary

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CHANG ET AL.

Examiner

Marina Kramskaya

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/14/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the X film and Y film, and first and second X terminals, and first and second Y terminal must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: it is unclear if the "first capacitor" is different from the "first X capacitor" of claim 1. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kalthoff et al., US 6,246,394, in view of Carpenter et al., Us 6,639,587.

As per Claim 1, Kalthoff et al. discloses a film positioning device **1** for detecting a position of a contact point **Q**, the device comprising:

- an X film **30** having a first X terminal **51** and a second X terminal **50**;
- a Y film **31** having a first Y terminal **53** and a second Y terminal **52**;
- a first Y switch **21** coupled between the first Y terminal **53** and a ground (connected to **21**);
- a second Y switch **20** coupled between the second Y **52** terminal and a power source **+Vcc**;

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- a first X switch **19** coupled between the first X terminal **51** and the ground (connected to **20**);
- a second X switch **18** coupled between the second X terminal **50** and the power source **+Vcc**;
- wherein when the film positioning device detects an X coordinate of the contact point, the first Y switch and the second Y switch are turned on, and then the X coordinate is obtained according to a voltage at the first X terminal **x-** or the second X terminal **x+**; (FIG. 4). Kalthoff's FIG. 4 is equivalent to applicants FIG. 4A, and the X coordinate can be derived by the voltage at **24**, across the resistor R_{x1} .
- wherein when the film positioning device detects a Y coordinate of the contact point, the first X switch and the second X switch are turned on, and then the Y coordinate is obtained according to a voltage at the first Y terminal **y-** or the second Y terminal **y+** (FIG. 3). Kalthoff's FIG. 3 is equivalent to applicants FIG. 4B, and the Y coordinate can be derived by the voltage at **26**, across the resistor R_{y1} .

Kalthoff does not disclose:

- a first X capacitor coupled between the first X terminal and the second X terminal; and
- a second Y capacitor coupled between the first Y terminal and the second Y terminal.

Carpenter discloses a positioning device having:

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- a first X capacitor (C_x , **116**) coupled between the first X terminal (X_1 , **120**) and the second X terminal (X_2 , **122**); and
- a second Y capacitor (C_y , **118**) coupled between the first Y terminal (Y_1 , **124**) and the second Y terminal (Y_2 , **126**), see FIG. 2.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to include a capacitor between the Y terminals and a capacitor between the X terminals, as taught by Carpenter, in the position sensing device of Kalthoff, in order to accurately detect the X-resistance and the Y-resistance, through the appropriate discharge rate of the capacitors.

As per Claim 2, Kalthoff further discloses the positioning device, wherein the X film and the Y film are plane resistors (i.e. "resistive sheets", ABS., lines 1-4).

As per Claim 3, Kalthoff further discloses the positioning device, wherein the first Y switch **21**, the second Y switch **20**, the first X switch **19** and the second X switch **18** are transistors (column 2, lines 65-67, see FIG. 1).

3. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kalthoff in view of Carpenter, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Teterwak, US 5,841,427.

Kalthoff in view of Carpenter disclose a position sensing device as applied to Claim 1, above.

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Kalthoff, as modified, does not disclose:

a first capacitor coupled to the first X terminal;

a second capacitor coupled to the second X terminal;

a third capacitor coupled to the first Y terminal; and

a fourth capacitor coupled to the second Y terminal.

Teterwak discloses a position sensing device having:

a first capacitor (part of 40, see detail in FIG. 3) coupled to the first X terminal

18A;

a second capacitor (part of 40, see detail in FIG. 3) coupled to the second X terminal **18C;**

a third capacitor (part of 40, see detail in FIG. 3) coupled to the first Y terminal **18B;** and

a fourth capacitor (part of 40, see detail in FIG. 3) coupled to the second Y terminal **18D.**

In effect, each terminal 18A-D is connected to an RC network, each having a capacitor connected thereto, as detailed in FIG. 3, with a capacitor C1.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to connect a capacitor to each terminal, as taught by Teterwak, in the position sensor of Kalthoff, in order to improve sensing of the resistive layers.

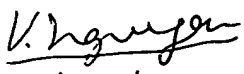
Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ikegami, US 6,208,332, discloses a film position sensing device with switches coupled to the first and second terminals of the X and Y resistive sheets, respectively.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marina Kramskaya whose telephone number is (571)272-2146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz can be reached on (571)272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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